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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We wanted to write to you today to express our dismay over the Microsoft antitrust dispute. As Americans, we feel that this suit is contrary to the very ideals of free trade and capitalism that we treasure in this nation. It is our opinion that punishing a company or an individual for demonstrating the very cleverness and ingenuity upon which we have built this nation is un-American.

Americans are unlike any other people in the world. It is our goal to become a success; to become something more than our fathers and grandfathers were; to start with nothing more than a good idea and a diligent work ethic and end up a success. This is the American dream, and it is this dream that is under attack in this suit.

This litigation is not a question of whether or not Microsoft violated antitrust laws. It is a question of whether or not we, as Americans, have the right to become successful without the interference of the government. We are pleased that this heinous suit has finally reached a conclusion that is satisfactory to all of the parties involved. However, it is our fondest wish that none of this unpleasant litigation had begun in the first place. Please keep the government out of the private sector. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Don Crohan



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